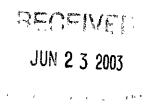
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11 June 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC

CC Docket No. 96-45

**Interstate Access Fund Support (IAS) for Competitive ETC** 

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to certify that South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company will use its Interstate Access Fund Support (IAS) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. South Slope receives portable IAS support for service that it provides as a Competitive ETC in ILEC study areas 351167 and 351178.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company. This certification is for the Competitive ETC study area listed below:

<u>Company Name</u> <u>State</u> <u>Study Area Code</u> South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company Iowa 359008

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please call me at the number below, or Joe Schuele at Martin Group Consulting at 605-995-6816. Thank you.

Date: 6-18-2003

Sincerely.

Mr. J.R. Brumley

Chief Executive Officer

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